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## HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

It is an Interesting Topic of Discussion in Washington.

### COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION.

Several Witnesses Examined Chief Among Them Being Lieutenant Lucien Young of the Cruiser Boston—Commissioner Blount in Washington—He Will Appear Before the Committee on Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The definite news from Hawaii by the Warrimoo brought a flood of inquiries to the state department. Senator Mills of Texas was one of the earliest to appear. Soon after him came James F. Blount, ex-commissioner to Hawaii. He declined to discuss the news from Honolulu or to talk on the Hawaii question at all. His manner indicated an entire easiness over the nature of developments in Honolulu, and there was no sign of any perturbation on his part. He called upon the secretary of state, he said, to pay his respects, and then went over to the navy department for a friendly visit with Secretary Herbert, who was chairman of the house committee on naval affairs in the same congress in which Mr. Blount was chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

Later Mr. Blount went to the house of representatives and mingled among his associates before appearing before the senate committee of inquiry. He spent half an hour in Speaker Crisp's private office, where he chatted on Hawaiian affairs with Representatives Outwater, Tarsney and others. He confined his views to interesting descriptive features of his trip to Hawaii, and had nothing to say on the merits of the case or the situation at the present time.

In response to a question from one of the congressmen, Mr. Blount told of his visits to the ex-queen. They had been so brief that they did not give him a fair opportunity to judge of her character or intelligence. The first visit lasted only five minutes and the queen had little to say, apparently desiring him to do all the talking, and evidently not having a clear idea of the situation of affairs at that time.

Mr. Blount said that among the people there was a good opinion of the queen and the sensational stories concerning her found little credence. He referred to the fact that since he had arrived in Washington he met a lady, the wife of a congressman from Mississippi, who had been in Hawaii and knew the queen. The lady stated that at the time of her visit to Hawaii, which was prior to Liliuokalani's ascension to the throne, people were honored at receiving attention from her and at being privileged to associate with her.

To one of the congressmen who asked Mr. Blount if he attached much significance to the news that British forces had been landed at Honolulu for the ostensible purpose of protecting British interests, he said it was probably for the sole purpose of protection. He added that it disclosed that much feeling and excitement existed on the islands.

Some of the members referred to the Blount report, whereupon his author said that he had been compelled to make it much longer than he wished. There was a very general desire among the people at Honolulu to say something on the subject and they made constant applications to be heard, so that much was necessary in avoiding prolix statements and cumulative evidences.

Mr. Blount was asked for a statement on the present situation.

"I have nothing to add to my report," said he, "and, in fact, I have no information on the condition of affairs since I left the islands and my report closed. I have been at home and have had no communication with Washington on the Hawaiian subject until I received this summons to appear before the senate committee."

Frank P. Hastings, Hawaiian charge d'affaires, also called at the state department, but did not see the secretary. The legation had received no word from the Warrimoo, but confidently expected a telegram.

The Hawaiian charge d'affaires is invited to the diplomatic dinner to be given by Secretary Gresham on Jan. 14. Relations between the legation and the department remain undisturbed in any particular.

At the White House there were evidences of special activity in the rooms of the secretaries and clerks. It is expected that another special message will go to congress in a very short time, but it could not be ascertained whether work was being done on that or not.

The cabinet meeting was longer than usual and was undoubtedly largely devoted to the Hawaiian question. There were no absentees. It was nearly 2:30 before Secretary Gresham left the cabinet room, accompanied by Secretary of Agriculture Morton. He seemed in a more comfortable frame of mind than in the morning, and was enjoying a good laugh over a joke. He declined to be interviewed, however, either then or upon his return to the state department.

A surprise was furnished in the Hawaiian matter by the action of the house committee on naval affairs which voted unanimously to favorably report the Boutelle resolution to the house. This resolution is an ironclad one, calling upon the secretary of the navy to inform the house by what authority instructions were issued placing the naval forces under the orders of Minister Blount and to furnish copies of all orders or suggestions issued by himself or any officers of the navy since March 4, 1893, concerning the naval forces at the Hawaiian Islands.

An amendment was made changing the date to March 4, 1892, so that the

operations of the navy in Hawaii under the Harrison administration would be included. The secretary of the navy is given no option to withhold documents which he might consider secret, or the publicity of which at this time might be regarded as contrary to public policy. But one Democrat and one Republican member were absent from the meeting. Mr. Boutelle did not object to the amendment.

Chairman Cummings of the naval committee will report the Boutelle resolution to the house immediately, but says it can not be considered until the debate on the Wilson bill has finished. Mr. Boutelle, on the other hand, thinks that the resolution can be called up at once, and be debated for 15 minutes each side, as provided for in the rules. Mr. Boutelle says that he is not surprised at the course of Minister Willis in the light of all correspondence which has been made public.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations, which is charged with the Hawaiian investigation met a few minutes past 10 o'clock and proceeded promptly to business, Senator Sherman being the only absentee. The committee held a brief executive session for the purpose of discussing the changes which have taken place in the Hawaiian situation with reference to Hawaii since the committee adjourned on last Thursday.

The witnesses summoned for the day were on hand more promptly than the members of the committee themselves, and had been waiting in the anteroom some time when summoned before the committee. These consisted of Lieutenants Young and Moore and Paymaster Hobbs of the navy, all of whom were officers on board the Boston, from which the American troops were landed at Honolulu on the 16th day of January last.

Lieutenant Lucien Young was the principal witness examined, and like others before him was pledged to secrecy. It is understood, however, that during the two hours Lieutenant Young was under examination the committee made a searching inquiry to the action of the naval officers, and the landing and position of the troops which were landed. Lieutenant Young was in charge of the landing, and was able to give in detail the movement of the troops and the manner in which they were handled by the authorities.

The course of the examination indicated that the committee was desirous of doing full justice to the late Captain Witte, who commanded the Boston, and not leave an implied insinuation against him if he did not obey his orders and perform his duty. Very little, except the details regarding the landing, was brought out.

Lieutenant Moore, executive officer and hydrographer of the Boston, followed Lieutenant Young and confirmed much that the latter had said as to the events connected with the revolution and subsequent occurrence of the hauling down of the American flag. Lieutenant Moore was examined concerning the harbor at Honolulu, with which he is familiar, having made soundings of it and a very excellent chart of the harbor and the adjacent land.

Both Lieutenants Young and Moore, are understood to have sustained Captain Witte in all essential particulars concerning Hawaiian affairs in which the Boston and its officers and men took part. They argued that there had been no conspiracy within their knowledge, and called attention to the fact that the vessel was absent on a cruise to windward for 10 days previous to the call upon the captain for the landing of the troops.

During the session of the committee, Mr. Blount sent in his card to Senator Morgan and was promptly admitted. After remaining in the room for about 10 minutes he came out and with Senator Gray went to the latter's committee room, where the two spent a few minutes in conversation.

Mr. Blount said, after he had been before the committee, that Friday at 10 o'clock had been set for him to appear before the committee.

### Our Government Not Responsible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Exhibitors whose goods were destroyed by fire in the world's fair building at Chicago will have to stand whatever loss has occurred to them by such destruction, unless they bring an action in the courts to show that there was criminal negligence or complicity on the part of the exposition officials. The government is not responsible for the safety of goods in bonded warehouses, which are established for the convenience of importers, but when merchandise stored therein is destroyed, it generously remits the duties which otherwise would have to be paid on such goods.

### Four Thousand Killed in Battle.

MASSOWAH, Jan. 9.—Later dispatches received here from Kassala, confirm the previous accounts of the battle recently fought between the Italian troops and the dervishes. It is now stated that the latter left four thousand dead upon the field and that, in addition, the leader of the dervishes, Hamed Ali and all his emirs, were killed. The dervishes are said to be much discouraged at their defeat and serious dissensions are reported to exist among their chiefs.

### Two Children Missing.

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Hollingsworth and her four children left Union City, Ind., for the west spending a short time here en route. When near St. Louis the mother and two children met death in a railroad accident, and the remaining two children were started back this way to their friends, but have never arrived, and have not since been heard of. It is claimed that they are in this city, but all search fails to find them.

Much of the comfort of this life consists in acquaintance, friendship and correspondence with those that are prudent and virtuous.

### THE SANER TRAGEDY.

It Is Now Believed the Son Murdered His Parents and Then Killed Himself.

MARIETTA, O., Jan. 10.—The triple murder of the Saner family Monday night deepens in mystery. The son, supposed to be missing, was found in the barn and fully identified by his watch and other articles, though burned beyond recognition. The father and mother reveal fearful mutilations by bullets and bruises. The evidence reveals a fearful struggle. The barn is about 400 feet away and there are blood stains between the house and barn as from bleeding wounds.

There is a growing suspicion that the son killed his father and mother, then rushed to the barn, setting it on fire and killing himself. A pistol was found near where he lay and it was empty. The family were well off and intelligent and considered happy, but the son was an inveterate reader of yellow backed literature, hence in the absence of a better clue, the supposition is that he may have committed the deed.

### COLLISION OF TRAINS.

One Man Killed and Five Others Seriously Injured.

CLINTON, Ia., Jan. 10.—One man was killed and five others were injured as the result of a collision of two trains on the bridge here. The victims are: Edward Bentley, of Clinton; killed. Martin Murray, dangerously injured. A. Robertson, Garrison, Ia.; shoulder dislocated.

Elmer Shafer, Garrison, Ia.; cut and bruised. Chester Nelson, Gordonville, slightly injured. The men were all in the telegraph office at the end of the bridge. When the trains struck several cars were dashed over against the telegraph office, wrecking it, and imprisoning the occupants in the ruins.

### Starving and a Maniac.

LAPORTE, Ind., Jan. 10.—Miss Ida Bux of Wanatah, who is slowly starving to death, yesterday entered upon the third day of her fast. Her condition is due to an unyielding belief in a strange hallucination. She claims to have received a revelation which constrained her to enter upon a continuous fast. The peculiar malady has made her hopelessly insane, and the attending physicians say that she is beyond the aid of medical science.

### Only a Friendly Movement.

MARIETTA, O., Jan. 10.—The Marietta terminal railway has passed into the hands of T. D. Dale as receiver. This property consists of the Union depot and a mile or more of track and switches in the heart of the city, holding the key to the situation. It is good property, although it passed its interest in August and the stock is held in the east. The receivership is a friendly movement.

### Suing a Railroad For Damages.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Jan. 10.—David Downer of Brilliant has brought suit against the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad company for \$10,000 damages for injuries received. He alleges that while crossing the W. & L. E. tracks he was struck by a train and avers negligence on the part of the railroad company.

### American Girl to Wed a Viscount.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Times announces the coming marriage of Viscount Deerhurst, son of the earl of Coventry, and Miss Virginia Bonyne, daughter of Charles William Bonyne of California. The Bonynes are now living at 42 Prince Gate, Kensington road, London.

### One Year in the Penitentiary.

WARREN, O., Jan. 10.—For obtaining a horse and buggy at a livery stable here by misrepresentation, and driving the animal to Cleveland, where he was arrested, R. F. Murchison, alias R. J. Brown, 26 years of age, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

### Death in the Penitentiary.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—Frank Davis, a once prominent young citizen of Knox county, died at the penitentiary of pneumonia. He was serving two years for horse stealing, having gone to the dogs because of an uncontrollable love for wine and women.

### Damage Suit Compromised.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 10.—Francis M. Barnard, an Adams express messenger, has compromised his \$50,000 damage suit against the Panhandle Railway company for \$3,500. He was crippled in the Broad Ripple wreck near Indianapolis last fall.

### Safeblowers' Tools Captured.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 10.—Marshal Smith and his deputy successfully landed part of the property of the desperate gang of safeblowers who have been carrying on operations in our city, a complete set of burglars' tools being secured.

### Killed by a Falling Tree.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 10.—William Fuson, 19, was instantly killed near Muncie by a tree falling on him. His head was crushed beyond recognition. He was assisting in felling timber.

### Reducing Wages.

WARREN, O., Jan. 10.—A 10 per cent reduction in wages, the second in six months, was made by the Paige Tube company of this city yesterday. About 400 men are employed.

### Town Wiped Out by Fire.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Jan. 10.—A fire at Arcadia, Kan., 20 miles south of this city, almost destroyed the town. The loss is over \$50,000, with insurance about the same.

### Fatal Runaway.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—John McLay of Clerks Mills was fatally injured in a runaway here.

### HANGS UPON A HAIR

Whether Mrs. Bennett Shall Hang Upon a Scaffold.

MASON CITY, Ia., Jan. 10.—The result of a murder trial which began Tuesday literally will be decided by a hair. The crime was one of the most brutal ever recorded. Anna Weise, the victim, was a German girl of beautiful features. On the evening of Aug. 26 she was returning home after a call on a neighbor when she was intercepted and beaten over the head with a club, her face gashed in 26 places and her throat cut from ear to ear. That night the family of A. C. Bennett, who lives about a mile distant from the scene of the murder, was informed of the crime. It is alleged that Bennett would not open the door, claiming that his wife was not in a condition to be seen.

Governor Boies offered a reward of \$1,500 for the arrest of the murderer and several fruitless arrests were made. A Chicago detective finally arrested Mrs. Emily Bennett, charging her with the murder. In the death struggle Anna Weise had grabbed from her assailant's head a handful of hair. The detective secured a sample of hair from the head of Mrs. Bennett and a doctor, after an examination, gave it as his opinion that the sample that was found in the hands of the murdered girl was from the same head.

Not thoroughly satisfied with this Dr. Walter Haines of the Rush medical college, Chicago, made an examination and concurred in the opinion. The November term of court Mrs. Bennett entered a plea of not guilty and was admitted to bail. The line of defense has not yet been made known.

### Employment For the Laborer.

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 10.—This city, like many others, is endeavoring to furnish employment for its laboring people. The prospect here is very bright. The city has secured money for the putting in of a system of waterworks, and will begin the construction at an early date. The new Pythian castle hall will be built this winter and next spring, giving employment to a number of workmen. Besides these, a meeting has been called to discuss the question of a canning factory for Lebanon. The council is also considering the question of extensive street improvements, so that the laborers of this city will be well provided for.

### Two Farmers Kill Each Other.

WEST BADEN, Ind., Jan. 10.—William Mahan and Sam Morgan, living on adjoining farms, yesterday began quarreling over a settlement of some business affairs. Morgan drew a revolver and fired two shots at Mahan, both of which took effect, one in the right side and the other in the hip. Mahan, fatally wounded, drew his gun and fired at Morgan, the shot taking effect in the left side near the heart, inflicting a mortal wound. The wounded men, both lying on the ground, continued shooting until their revolvers were emptied.

### Fatal Fight Over Stolen Chickens.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 10.—William Pate, residing three miles from this city, shot and, it is said, mortally wounded Benson Veasey, a prominent farmer. Veasey of late has been missing chickens and he accused Pate of being the thief. Veasey, it is said, found a number of his fowls concealed on Pate's place. So enraged did Pate become over the charge that he procured a shotgun and fired upon his accuser. Pate made his escape.

### Rumor of Trouble at Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The Vossische Zeitung insists that a cabinet crisis, regarding the actions of the chancellor in different matters, actually existed a short time ago. It is added that the crisis was not due to internal questions or to the Russian treaty, but was connected with colonial matters. It is further asserted that Chancellor Von Caprivi actually tendered his resignation, but the emperor refused to accept it.

### Unknown Dead Body Found.

BOURBON, Ind., Jan. 10.—The dead body of an unknown man was found alongside of the road between here and Plymouth yesterday. All traces of identity were missing. Even the shirt collar had been cut off, that his initials might remain unknown. The body was taken to Plymouth, where the coroner is holding an inquest. Sensational developments are anticipated, it being a case of supposed foul play.

### Fire Caused by a Lamp Exploding.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 10.—The Foster Furniture and Carpet company lost or had damaged their entire stock by fire yesterday. A lamp exploded in the basement. A. G. Carathan owned the building. He will lose \$5,000, and the Foster company \$25,000.

### Man and Money Gone.

VAN Wert, O., Jan. 10.—George Watson, who was recently reported as mysteriously disappearing, is still missing, but all thoughts of foul play have ended, and it is now believed that he has skipped with about \$500 of his employer's money.

### Peasants Hauled Up.

LONDON Jan. 10.—A dispatch to The Times from Vienna says: The trial has been opened at Crakow over a hundred peasants who are charged with le majeste in connection with the cholera riots of 1892.

### Found Dead in Bed.

MORRISTOWN, Ind., Jan. 10.—Perry Miller, a prominent farmer, living one-half mile from this place, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. His death was the result of a stroke of paralysis.

### Sent Up For Life.

TOLEDO, Jan. 10.—Christian Schorling, the murderer of Bessie Sharp, has been sentenced to life imprisonment, the motion for a new trial being overruled.

## SENATE AND HOUSE.

Proceedings of Both Branches of Congress.

### ORATORY IN THE HOUSE.

The Wilson Tariff Bill Furnishes an Interesting Topic For Debate—A Mammoth Petition Presented From New York—The Session of the Senate Did Not Develop the Interest Expected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The session of the senate did not develop that interest that was anticipated. The consideration of the federal election bill was not begun according to the program of Senator Gray, as no one seemed prepared to speak, and after some colloquy between Senators Chandler, Gray and Gorman over the method of procedure, the measure finally went over until next Monday.

Even the Hawaii situation failed to elicit the debate that was promised. Senator Chandler's resolution calling for an opinion as to the constitutionality and regularity of the appointment of Commissioner Blount by President Cleveland, was called up and pressed for passage, but after Senator Sherman had expressed his opinion that its passage would be disrespectful to the foreign relations committee, which is already considering the subject, Senator Chandler finding his own party not a unit in support of his proposition, promptly withdrew it.

Senator Coke of Texas called up house joint resolution, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to permit the owners of cattle and horses, transporting them into Mexico, to reimport the same into the United States at any time within 12 months of this date. It was passed.

The senate bill was passed without opposition, providing for the disposal of the abandoned Fort Maginnis military reservation in Montana, under the mining and homestead laws, for educational and other purposes.

The senate bill for the relief of Samuel Collins of Mississippi was passed, and at 1:30, on motion of Senator Gorman, the senate went into executive session.

At 2:30 the doors were reopened and Senator Gray of Delaware at once moved to take up the federal election bill. The motion prevailed and the bill was read. A discussion followed between Messrs. Chandler, Gray and Gorman as to the length of debate, it being finally decided that the bill go over until Monday next at 2 p. m.

The senate then, at 2:35, adjourned.

### In the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—It was a field day in the house for the tariff. The galleries were thronged all day and the floor crowded. Each side put forth its most brilliant orators for the day session. Mr. Wilson, the chairman of the ways and means, completed his speech begun Monday and Mr. Burrows opened the debate for the Republicans with a three hour reply. General Black of Illinois, and Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, followed. The good points of all the speakers were liberally applauded by their respective partisans.

At the evening session Mr. Haines, a Democrat from New York, in the name of the collar and cuff industry, fired the first shot into the Wilson bill. He displayed a gigantic petition signed by 67,000 people, protesting against the collar and cuff schedule, declaring that if it was to become a law it would ruin this great industry.

### John L. Sullivan Knocked Senseless.

BUFFALO, Jan. 10.—Last week John L. Sullivan played at the Court Street theater. After the show, Saturday night, he went out to "do" the town. He drank heavily until 3 o'clock in the morning when a porter assisted him to his room, and soon after a great crash was heard. John's wife had chided him, and he in return, had assaulted her. She defended herself with an Indian club, knocking her husband insensible. It was daylight before he opened his eyes or showed any signs of life. Mrs. Sullivan said she struck her husband harder than she intended.

### A Judge to Retire.

KNOXVILLE, Jan. 10.—Hon. D. M. Key, United States judge for the eastern district of Tennessee, says that he will retire from the bench soon after his 70th birthday, which occurs Jan. 27. He has filled the office with distinction many years and will now retire to his private home at Chattanooga. Judge Key was postmaster general under President Hayes. Among the applicants to succeed him on the bench are T. S. Webb and Judge H. H. Ingersoll of Knoxville, and Judge C. D. Clark of Chattanooga.

### Furniture Plant Burned.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10.—The extensive furniture plant of the Halstead Manufacturing company at Sheboygan was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$80,000. A strong wind was blowing at the time and a large amount of furniture which was stocked in the building burned like timber. The Mattson Manufacturing company owned two-thirds of the stock. The loss on the machinery, building and stock is estimated at \$80,000, and the estimated loss above the insurance is \$30,000.

### Defied Arrest.

SHOALS, Ind., Jan. 10.—The coroner went to hold an inquest over the remains of Mrs. Wagoner, who was murdered by her husband, Sherman Wagoner. He found the murderer seated by the dead body of his victim armed with a Winchester rifle and two revolvers. Wagoner swore that he would kill the first man that came within 20 feet of him. The coroner returned and sent the sheriff to make the arrest.